



Madison River of Hope



Join Us to create the “River of Hope”, a painted rock garden on Bill’s Hill at Dublin Park in Madison. From June 9th – July 11th. Supporting the People of Madison

“I Wanna Rock!” How to Paint a Rock that will last in Alabama weather

- Step 1. Scan QR Code to donate and see locations for Rock Pick-Up and Drop-off
- Step 2. Go pick out your ROCK
- Step 3. Wash your rock of with Soap (a drop of Dawn) and Water
- Step 4. Dry off with Paper Towel or Towel
- Step 5. Decide which side you are going to paint
- Step 6. Use a Primer (Latex/Water Based) and Prime the area you want to paint
- Step 7. Allow Primer to dry at least 30 minutes or overnight
- Step 8. You are ready to PAINT!

Paints: Use any (Latex/Water based) paint for exteriors. Any Sheen will work. Eggshell, Satin, Semi-Gloss, Gloss or Metallic. You can find this at PPG, Ace or Michaels. Sharpies will work too, but tend to run when a sealer is placed over the top.
If the product says it needs to clean up with mineral spirits, it is not latex paint.

After you complete your design, Name, Positive word(s) Message, allow to dry before returning it to one of our Rock Depots.

At the Rock Depot, we will be applying two coats of a clear sealer, that will protect against the rain and UV rays. After your Rock is coated, it will be placed permanently in our Madison River of Hope.

How to have your Rock Masterpiece NOT last....

1. Don’t wash it, whatever you do, because when you paint the dirt on the rock, it sticks to the dirt, not the stone., and that’s kind of cool—painting dirt!
2. Definitely Do NOT Prime your rock.. That way the only thing holding your paint on the rock is number 1. Dirt, or just the rock itself. Rocks are porous and don’t like paint by nature. Primer gives the paint something to hold onto – so it can enjoy the journey!
3. Use Oil based paint. This paint will not hold the color especially white and the UV from the sun will make it turn a beautiful yellow/amber color. Oil based paints continue to harden forever and will eventually chip and peel right off your masterpiece

That’s all the Tips and Tricks for painting a rock. If you have questions, please submit them on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/867537340407736>